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I EVER THOUGHT WAS KIND OF COOL.
Kind of a bad boy
I'll spend more time with you when you're older
Like this
(AS AS SIDE NOTE, BEFORE THAT, THE ONE I THOUGHT WAS COOLEST WAS MYSELF.)
Just a bit boy?
IDEALIZED MEMORY
BUT HE SAID HE WAS BUSY DEALING WITH HIS GRADUATION AND THEN HE STOPPED COMING.
HE CAME TO OUR HOUSE A FEW TIMES AFTER THAT
How are you doing?
IDEALIZED
MY MOM COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE AND BROKE DOWN.
I EVEN STARTED IMITATING HIM. AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF THAT...
Hahaha, we're getting yelled at
Hayato what are you doing? You look dead
Rich kid who doesn't know how to hate things
SHUT UP!
It's the truth.
BESIDES
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
SHOCKED
AND NOW HE'S BECOME SUCH A DISGUSTING MESS OF A MAN.

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WHY AM I OVER HERE DOING CHORES FOR YOU EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE WEEKEND!?
I'm not your maid!
WHOA, YOU EVEN DID THE LAUNDRY
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP, SO I HAD NOTHING TO DO!
BUT
tug
WHENEVER YOU'RE HERE I WANT TO SLEEP
THUMP
!
I

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RUMBLE
WHAT?
IT'S WEIRD.
It's too hot outside right now
WELL, NO
SO HAVE WE EVER GONE OUT TOGETHER!?
YEAH?
WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF HOLIDAYS RIGHT?
EH?
SO WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO, THEN?
But I guess I could think of it myself
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KIND OF SAD FOR ME TO BE WALKING AROUND A DATING HOTSPOT WITH A MIDDLE-AGED MAN?
OF course not!
WELL DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT TO WATCH MOVIES?

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JUST THINKING ABOUT GOING TO THE BEACH WITH HIM OR HOLDING HANDS ON A DATE GIVES ME GOOSE-BUMPS
I GUESS I SHOULD GIVE IT UP.
No way that's happening
I'D HAVE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES LIKE SWIMMING, OR GOING ON TRIPS
NORMALLY AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR...
A NORMAL COUPLE WOULDN'T HAVE THESE PROBLEMS
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO DRAG SOMEONE LIKE HIM OUT?
DING
DING

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WAIT!
YOU DIDN'T ALREADY AGREE TO IT, DID YOU!?
I know you'll like her
SHE'S ONE OF OUR CLIENTS' DAUGHTERS REALLY CUTE
How can you decide on your own?

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HUH!?
BUT LATELY YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN COMING HOME FOR THE CAR
YOU USED TO BRING GIRLS HOME PRETTY OFTEN
Car is left at my parents house.
OH...
BUT AREN'T YOU SINGLE RIGHT NOW?
Awwww
IF YOU DON'T WHAT'S THE HARM IN MEETING HER?
WELL? DO YOU?
IF YOU DO I'LL TURN THE MEETING DOWN
Girl Friend
WELL? DO YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?
A MIAI!?

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DAD DECIDED ON HIS OWN!
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
I guess he would do that
OH YEAH, I GUESS YOU ARE THE BOSS SON
BUT MAI
AND WHEN HE ASKED ME IF I WAS
DATING ANYONE
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
AT LEAST YOU REALIZE WE'RE DATING
I guess I don't have to tell it's not like that
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING I COULD SAY
WHEN HE ASKED ME THAT

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They're responsible for supplying all the power around here.
IF YOU TURN THAT DOWN, IT COULD BE REALLY BAD FOR THE COMPANY!
THE HEIRESS TO FEDAX
WHO ARE YOU MEETING WITH?
WHAT NOW ?
HEY, SO WHAT NOW?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE IN THE MATTER...
WELL, THAT'S THAT THEN
JUST GO AHEAD WITH IT FOR NOW

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I'm absolutely certain that she'll fall for you, you know
BUT WHAT IF SHE WANTS TO STAY IN CONTACT?
HOW DO I KNOW!?
Can't you act creepy on purpose or something?
AND BESIDES
OH
THIS SUNDAY
At the Wacky Hotel
WHEN DO YOU HAVE TO GO?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO IF YOU CAN'T TURN IT DOWN
EH!?
Is that really okay?
MAYBE YOU'LL EVEN LIKE HER AFTER YOU MEET
DO WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST
IT'S NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE
WHETHER YOU GO OR NOT

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You idiot! What are you thinking? Turn it down!
So you really do love me!
No, I'll go turn it down for you!
Of course I do!
Imagined Conversation
I-I'm not the one who's crazy!
Don't be ridiculous Keiko
ANNOYED
IT SHOULDN'T HE BE MORE WORRIED!?
WHAT'S THIS SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
THIS IS A MAIL, NOT A GROUP D. TE!
What's the matter, Hayato? You don't look too good.
EXCUSE ME
YOUR GUESTS ARE HERE
MMMM
SO IF IT WORKS OUT, YOU'LL BOW OUT OF IT? REALLY?
AND WHAT THE HELL DID HE MEAN BY "MAYBE YOU'LL EVEN LIKE HER"?
SO IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY MATTER TO YOU?
WHAT THE HELL, YOU BASTARD!

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AT THIS RATE, I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO SOMETHING CREEPY TO DESTROY MY OWN IMAGE!
Smile
nervously
ACK!
It's a pleasure to meet you.
Nice to meet you
You too
It's been a while.
How have you been?
UM...
BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO?
UM.
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ME, DO YOU?
HM?
Let me tell you all about my embarrassing past!

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I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE
YOU HAVE TO WORK ON SUNDAY?
I'M HERE TO DISCUSS THE CEREMONY
OH
AKI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SAEKO
Waiting for someone?
SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HEY DON'T SHOW YOUR FACE!
You'll ruin my cover!
I GUESS IT'S ALMOST HERE HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT INVITED
I KNOW THAT
HIDE
HM?
ISN'T THAT SHIMANO-KUN?

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Well, of course she does...
SHE LOOKS NORMAL ENOUGH...
What are you doing?!
IS THAT HIS GIRLFRIEND?
GIRL FOR THE MIA!
OH— IS THAT SO?
Hmm...
So, why are you holding back here then?

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I COULDN'T FIND A SINGLE THING WRONG WITH HER...
AND CLEVER, AND CUTE
SO WHY DID YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
Make me sorry for nothing
HOW WAS SHE?
SHE WAS A REALLY NICE GIRL.
WE HAD SIMILAR INTERESTS SHE WAS BRIGHT...
AND...
SHE WAS AN UNDER-CLASSMAN FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL.

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I GUESS
I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER
WAS SHE?
DO YOU HAVE AMNESIA OR SOMETHING?
AGAIN!?
OF COURSE NOT!
SHE'S TWO YEARS YOUNGER, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT I WOULDN'T REMEMBER!
And don't bring it up again!
SHE ONLY WENT BECAUSE SHE KNEW IT WAS YOU?
OH...SO
I THINK SO
And I didn't get a chance to ruin my image

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Translator's Note:

You've probably figured it out by now, but a "miai" is a very formal marriage interview, a chance for the two singles to meet their prospective spouses, usually with their parents present. It's obviously a lot more formal than a group date.

It's not an arranged marriage. Well, it's close, but usually the candidates have the option of refusing. I wanted to find an English equivalent, but there isn't, and they kept throwing the word around to make typesetting difficult so I just left it in.

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